

## III. Noble Robert G. Wilson, Jr. Elected Potentate of Aleppo Temple for 1940

### 3500 Nobles Attend Annual Meeting As Twenty-three Are Created Nobles

BY NOBLE GEORGE H. RHODES  
Associate Editor

FOR the first time since the institution of Aleppo Temple in 1882, the father of a man elected Potentate was alive. On Friday, January 26 at the annual election in Aleppo, Walter W. Morrison, Recorder for many years and a Past Potentate, introduced Noble Robert Gardiner Wilson, Sr., and said that it was an unusual pleasure to ask him to nominate his son for Potentate for the ensuing year, which he did in very few words.

Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., was then unanimously elected, and his father placed the fez of Potentate on his head.

#### ANOTHER SON HONORED

Just to keep the good work moving, Recorder Morrison introduced Noble Fred E. Lombard, who nominated his son, Willard P. Lombard as Chief Rabban, second office in line, who was also unanimously elected.

Noble Arthur A. Sondheim was elected to the office of Assistant Rabban, Lionel G. H. Palmer, High Priest and Prophet; Justin A. Duncan, Oriental guide, and Frank W. Morrill, Treasurer.

Aleppo has had only three Treasurers. One served 40 years, Mr. Morrill for the past five years. Walter W. Morrison, Recorder, the best known Shriner in America or Canada and Potentate a quarter century ago, took in 12,345 candidates in his term.

Elections in Aleppo would lose much of their humor without Recorder Walter Morrison. As he stepped to the microphone to thank the Nobles for their confidence in him, he beckoned for a young man to join him. Placing his arm around the shoulders of Harvey B. Leggee, he said:

"Nobles, you elected me Recorder, but the real Recorder is this young man. I thank you for electing me to play around and kid you into thinking I am doing the job, but Harvey does the work, while I play.

"If he would not accept the appoint-

ment of assistant, I would have to resign, for you would quickly find out who was the Recorder in fact."

The crowd of some 5,000 gave both Walter and Harvey a great hand. The balance of the officers will be appointed



Illustrious Potentate,  
ROBERT G. WILSON, JR.

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ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

Illustrious Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., is a native of Boston and resides there. He is an attorney, with offices at 20 Beacon Street.

He has four children and is a graduate of Boston Latin School, of Harvard College in 1914 and Harvard Law School in 1917. He was a classmate of Governor Saltonstall at both Harvard College and the Law School, LL.B. He

went into law practice in 1917 and has been active in the work since that date.

A member of the Boston City Council for 12 years from Ward 17, the central Dorchester district, under four successive mayors, he was elected six times in an overwhelming Democratic district and in 1937 by a 3,700 majority.

He declined to run in 1939, as he wished to give more time to his growing law business. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, four years ago.

Mr. Wilson has been active in Masonic bodies. He was Master of Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in 1927, Excellent High Priest of St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter in 1933, Illustrious Master of Boston Council, R. & S. M., in 1928, is the present Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery, K. T., a member of Massachusetts Consistory, 32nd Degree, and of Milton Lodge, K. of P.

A handsome basket of flowers was presented to Mr. Wilson immediately after his election as Potentate. They were sent by a group of his constituents in Dorchester.

#### QUINCY MAN FETED

Illustrious Noble James J. Curry, retiring Potentate, received a handsome Past Potentate's jewel and was heaped with compliments for the great year in Aleppo, the best in many years.

He is a Quincy born man and has won a high place in the Order. He paid a tribute to Major Benjamin R. Vaughn of the Aleppo Patrol, Walter M. Smith, Jr., bandmaster, and the men heading the other departments of Aleppo. With a membership of 10,000, handling great crowds at meetings, it requires the cooperation of every officer.

The jewel the Potentate wears during his year has been used by every Potentate in Aleppo Temple since 1882.

Past Potentate James J. Curry received a Shrine ring.

Delegates to the Imperial Council are James J. Curry, Past Potentate; Robert G. Wilson, Jr., Potentate; Willard P. Lombard, Chief Rabban, and Harvey B. Leggee, Assistant Recorder. Illustrious Noble Morrison is a permanent member of the Imperial Council, having served for more than 21 years. Nobles Joseph A. Bryant and Robert G. Wilson, Sr., were elected trustees of the permanent fund.

A two and a half hour vaudeville show followed. The show was given on a raised platform in the center of Grand Hall in Mechanics' building.



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

### NOBLES OF ALEPPO TEMPLE:

DEEPLY conscious of the honor and responsibility you have conferred upon me as the new Potentate of Aleppo Temple, I welcome the opportunity for a service which I realize can be wholly successful and outstanding only with the cooperation and support of each individual Noble.

During these depression years, in a world of doubt and irresolute foreboding, the Shrine has held fast. We have an abiding faith in the future of America. Gathering at friendship's oasis, we still know the value of a smile, and a cheery word, and a hearty handclasp. And we feel less selfish in the knowledge that the word "Shriner" has become the indelible synonym for hope, and health, and happiness, in the hearts of thousands of American children,—now, and so long as Shrinedom lives.

Nobles of Aleppo Temple! To you I pledge the very best that I can give. Of you, in behalf of our beloved Temple, I ask two things. Give us the comradeship of your individual attendance. And keep our ranks filled with new Nobles upon whom the more distant future of Aleppo Temple and the Shrine Hospitals of America must some day depend.

Yours in the Faith,

*Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr*

*Illustrious Potentate*

## SHRINE LUNCHEONS TO RESUME TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1940

THE first of a series of monthly Shrine luncheons will be held at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Tuesday, February 27, 1940, at 12:30 P.M.

The luncheon committee in preparing for the tenth anniversary of the Aleppo Temple Shrine Luncheons are making plans which they believe will bring to the Nobles of Aleppo a list of speakers for these noonday get together luncheons that will be outstanding in the history of Aleppo.

The usual feature of gifts donated by Nobles of Aleppo and their friends will be followed out. This feature has been enjoyed by those present and creates considerable interest and fun among those present. The food served by the Copley Plaza Hotel at these luncheons has brought many favorable comments and the committee have been assured by Noble "Bob" Gardner of the hotel that they will continue their regular high class food and service.

Previous to each luncheon a post card announcement will be sent to those Nobles who wish to have their names placed on our luncheon mailing list. If you have not received a card in the past and wish to be placed on this Luncheon Mailing List, drop a line to the Temple and your name will be placed on the list. Don't wait for this card however, make a note on your calendar now, that on the fourth Tuesday of February, March, April, May, September, and October a Shrine Luncheon will be held at the Copley Plaza Hotel at 12:30 P.M.

Come out and "Dine with the Nobility."

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## OUR COMMON CAUSE

IN the joy and fun of the Shrine may we pause for consideration of Our Common Cause—that of repairing the crumpled bodies, useless legs and arms and other deficiencies of little children. All creeds, all nationalities, all races are welcome under the sheltering sign of the Scimitar and Crescent, provided they are indigent and unable to gain admission to private or other hospitals.

This merciful work for crippled children is a credit to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, and should be a source of pride for every member. We ask no thanks nor do we desire any glory from the little ones we have salvaged and whose broken bodies we have

mended; we have only one thought in mind, the saving of the destitute crippled child—giving him an unhandicapped chance in life's struggle, thereby establishing a very definite and worthy foundation for the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This door of hope must remain open to the crippled child where he may be restored to health and have rekindled in his breast the fires of smouldering hope.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

THE following Nobles joined Aleppo Temple at the Annual Meeting held Friday, January 26, 1940. We welcome them to membership and hope they will enjoy their affiliation with the greatest Fraternal organization in the world.

PETER ADAMIAN OF SOMERVILLE  
BENJAMIN ARONSON OF BRIGHTON  
HAROLD E. BERGQUIST OF WINCHESTER  
ERNEST A. CARLSON OF WOLLASTON  
JACOB ABRAHAM COHEN OF ROXBURY  
GEORGE HAROLD DEE OF LYNN  
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## THE GANG THAT RUNS THINGS

"A W, what's the use?" said the enthusiastic young Noble. "I tried to horn in here, but only busted my horn! There is a gang that runs this Temple, and outsiders have no more show than a snake has hips!"

The Past Potentate, to whom this remark was directed, lighted an obese cigar with a red and gold life preserver around its midriff and then spoke:

"You are right, young man, and you are wrong," he said. "By this statement I mean that you are right about a 'gang' running the Temple. There's a 'gang' running every organization on earth. If there wasn't there wouldn't be any organizations. On the other hand, you are wrong when you said you tried to horn in and couldn't. You did not go about it right. Any good guy who wants to horn into any gang has to know the password, and I will give it to you in strictest confidence. The words are: 'What can I do to help?' Any man who will use those words will find himself as busy as a one-armed piano player with a bad case of hives!"



## LET THERE BE LIGHT!

MASONS in America and its citizenry at large can be relieved that we are not subjected to the harsh rulings now enforced in Germany which make it a crime subject to severe punishment to read newspaper articles or listen to radio broadcasts that are not prepared and okayed by their propaganda bureau. Our rights of free speech and the freedom of the press are guaranteed under our constitution, a constitution that is a model of liberality and which was prepared and signed by a body of men which included many Masons. The first president of the United States wore the white apron of our order, and Freemasons as individuals have always been active in our government.

The principal cities of Europe have been in darkness for many long nights because one man's leadership will not condone opinions of resistance to his prejudicial ideas. The present sacrifices of armed forces on several fronts were foreshadowed several years ago when Mr. Hitler banned among others the activities of Freemasonry and confiscated much of its properties. This is not the first time in history that Freemasonry was attacked, but it is significant that the final chapter of the records in every banishment of that Order has been recorded of the opposing leader or regime.

While the devastation of war in Europe will have certain repercussions here, we may all take hope from the pages of past history that our great Order will outlive those who have caused it to be abolished.

Peace has always been significant to Masonry. Let us all pray that the present war will be of short duration and that the peace which follows will last for a long, long time.



## MASSACHUSETTS CONSISTORY TO WORK DEGREE IN SALEM

ON Friday, March 29, the officers and degree workers of Massachusetts Consistory will make a fraternal visit to the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Salem for the purpose of working the 20th Degree for the Scottish Rite members in that jurisdiction.

The visiting delegation will be under the direction of Theodore R. Lockwood, Commander-in-Chief of Massachusetts Consistory. They will journey to Marblehead where the degree will be given in the auditorium of the Marblehead High School, following a concert by the Consistory Orchestra and Choir.

Edward H. Kittredge, Master of Ceremonies, will be in charge of the degree work which will consist of the 20th Degree, Master ad vitam.

The committee is working to obtain a large class of candidates for this special visitation and the Commander-in-Chief will appreciate the co-operation of all Nobles who are Scottish Rite Masons in obtaining a banner class.

## NOBLE BENJAMIN JAMES HEADS Y.D. CONVENTION COMMITTEE

THE second home coming of the 26th "Yankee" Division, which is to be held in Boston on June 6, 7 and 8 this year, has quite an Aleppo aspect with the following Nobles serving on the many Convention committees:

Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, Honorary President.

Benjamin James, General Chairman of Convention.

John H. Sherburne is Chairman of the Distinguished Guests Committee and Henry Cormerais is Co-Chairman. Serving also on this committee are Nobles Erland Fish, Sinclair Weeks and Andrew Duncan.

Geo. Wm. Bently, Jr. is the Co-Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and helping on that committee are Sidney M. Abbott, George L. Newman, Russell P. Samuel, Warren F. Freeman, Jr. and C. Albert Perkins.

The headquarters of the convention



NOBLE BENJAMIN JAMES,  
General Chairman of the National Y.D.  
Convention for 1940

will be at the Copley Plaza Hotel. The business meetings will be held at that Hotel on Thursday afternoon and Friday and Saturday mornings.

Thursday evening there is to be a "Behind the Lines" show, at which there will be boxing, wrestling, vaudeville acts as well as drill team and drum corps exhibitions.

Friday night a Grand Night Parade will be held and cash prizes will be awarded to the competing units. After the parade the annual convention Military Ball will be held.

Saturday morning Y.D. Junior Drum Corps from Hartford and Stamford, Conn., Bristol, R. I. and Boston, Mass., will compete for cash prizes. In the afternoon the annual Military Parade will be held, which is expected to out-do anything of its kind since the Legion Parade in 1930.

Saturday evening will be given over to Regimental Reunions.

The General Chairman, Noble "Ben" James, served in France during the World War, as a "Top Sergeant." He was born in South Boston and later moved to Brookline where he excelled

in sports while attending Brookline High School and Stone's School.

"Ben" first saw service on the Mexican Border with the First Mass. F. A. in 1916. This outfit became a part of the 101st F. A. in the World War (1917). He was chief of the first section of the battery that fired the first shot of any National Guard troops at the enemy, at Chemin de Dames, Feb. 5, 1918. His D. S. Cross, Croix de Guerre and Purple Heart indicate that he served with distinction. He was the first Commander of his Brookline Legion Post (1919), was President of the Y.D. Veterans' Association and is now Vice-President of the Y.D. Club of Boston and Secretary-Treasurer of the 101st F. A. Veterans' Association. Quite a military man.

Noble James became a member of Beth Horon Lodge in 1916 and is a member of St. Paul's Chapter, Boston Council, and is on the escort of De Molay Commandery.

Noble James joined Aleppo Temple in 1920 and promptly enrolled in the patrol. He is a member of the James Lumber Co. at 88 Broad Street, Boston.



## DAD'S GREATEST JOB

I may never be as clever as my neighbor down the street;  
I may never be as wealthy as some men I chance to meet;  
I may never have the glory that some other men have had.  
But I've got to be successful as a little fellow's Dad.

There are certain dreams I cherish that I'd like to see come true,  
There are things I would accomplish ere my working time is through;  
But the task my heart is set on is to guide a little lad,  
And to make myself successful as that little fellow's Dad.

I may never come to glory; I may never gather gold;  
Men may count me as a failure when my business life is told.  
But if he who follows after shall be manly, I'll be glad  
For I'll know I've been successful as a little fellow's Dad.

It's the one job that I dream of; it's the task I think of most.  
If I'd fail that growing youngster, I'd have nothing else to boast.  
For though wealth and fame I'd gather, all my future would be sad  
If I fail to be successful as that little fellow's Dad.

—Anon.

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BY NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY  
Associate Editor

THAT record of 95.4% in attendance last year is going to be hard to beat. The personnel of the patrol comprises men from almost every business and profession—a photographer, lawyer, doctor, dentist, salesman, policeman, builder, etc., etc. Some of the members have to drive fifty to sixty miles to come to our Friday night drills.

Our new Potentate, Illustrious Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., was formerly a member of the second platoon.

After his election to the top office in Aleppo Temple, and during the entertainment that followed, you may have observed that our new Potentate disappeared for about an hour on the night on the annual meeting on January 26.

Perhaps we may be telling tales out of school, but we happen to know that during the interim, the "Pote" made a flying trip from Mechanics Hall all the way to Sycamore Street, Somerville, and back, just to drop in and shake hands with Noble Walter H. Cox with whom he served for so many years in the second platoon of the Patrol.

Walter has recently been home ill for a week or more and had sent his regrets on not being able to see his buddy elevated to the office of Potentate on his big night. So Mahomet went to the mountain.

Noble Cox must have got a great kick out of the visit—the first official act of our new Potentate being a visit to his friend.

We'll probably hear Major Vaughn's whistle pretty soon now, calling the boys together for another active year.

Noble George Daland of the first platoon, is well again and is visiting his daughter in Baltimore.

Noble Gordon Chapman has just made a trip to Key West with his family—4,000 miles in seven days.

Noble George Weeks, Illustrious Master of Boston Council, had a big attendance at the "Family Night," January 25, but they took time to elect "Russ" Lynn, "Scratch" Taylor and Roy Dawes as members of that body.

Another celebration will be in order in the first platoon. Noble John Woodworth was married at Reading, Pennsylvania, January 26.

Noble Joseph Avini has completed a year as Patron of Boston Chapter, O. E. S., and was presented his jewel and a beautiful wrist watch at the annual meeting on January 23.

On Thursday, March 28, Boston

Council, Royal and select Masters, will hold an "Aleppo Temple Patrol Night." Our Illustrious Potentate, Robert G. Wilson, Jr., has accepted the invitation of Illustrious Master George A. Weeks of Boston Council, to preside in the East for the evening. He will confer the Royal Degree upon three members of the patrol: Nobles N. Russell Lynn, the present Commander of St. Omer Commandery; W. Roy Dawes and Thatcher D. Taylor.



## WHAT ARE YOU GIVING?

SOME one has very wisely said: "Take care of what you say before a wall, as you cannot tell who may be behind it."

Well, I was not behind a wall, but I did sit behind two young women on a bus early on the morning of Ash Wednesday, and as Washington's birthday was also the first day of Lent they were discussing, not George Washington, but "What are you giving up?" The brunette said she had promised her mother she would not attend a single movie until after Easter. And then I leaned a little forward to learn what the short, plump blonde might say; and I got this earful:

"I'm giving up candy. I've got to cut down on my weight, 'cause hardly anything of my clothes 'cept possibly my pajamas, fit me; so I'll kill two birds with one stone."

As they left the bus to attend early Mass at the Cathedral I could not help but think, what a travesty on Lenten sacrifice, and yet she really believes it a gift.

Have you lived long enough to gain the wisdom of making an honest inventory of yourself? If you have you will

often find that the faults you see in others are not unlike some of your own. After the bus left the corner where these girls alighted I began to ask myself: How much of the service YOU render humanity is unselfish and a real sacrifice?

I am not going to share with you the check-up, enough to admit that in humility I acknowledged I too, am guilty.

These are days when sacrificial service is needed as never before for this republic, we say we love; for the fraternity we have vowed to uphold; and above all, for humanity in general, which is the only way of proving your love of God.

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BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING  
Associate Editor

## "AND THE MUSIC GOES 'ROUND AND 'ROUND"

THE band did its little bit again at the opening of the Community Fund drive at Mechanics Building on Monday, January 22, 1940. Last year the band was located in the balcony but this year it was placed on the floor in front of the stage. There was a wide flight of steps going up to the stage in the center and the bad feature of this was that the band was split up, one half on one side of the steps and one half on the other, which was somewhat of a handicap. In spite of this however, the boys did a good job. During the entrance march of the various units the band played "Onward Christian Soldiers" over and over. We don't know how many times as we lost count after the 15th round. We got so we could play it with our eyes shut, but "The music went round and round."

Then on Friday, January 26, we went on duty at 6 o'clock for the annual meeting. We were honored on this occasion by having with us Past Potentate Harry Pollard, who sat in with the drummers, and he swung a mean drum stick. Noble Kimball ("Kimmie" to you), informs us that Noble Pollard is an old timer and that he played with him in a drum corps years and years ago. We did not catch the name of the corps but think it was up in Lowell or thereabouts. Guess we will have to make Noble Harry an honorary member of the drum section.

We were glad to see Noble Frank Hayden in the balcony that night. Frank was one of the fife section, but has been living down in the Panama Canal Zone for some time, where his son is located. He must have missed the good old zero weather of New England and drifted back to cool off. He sure took a good time to get cool. We hope he will come back into the flute section again.

Several of the boys patted us on the back, figuratively speaking, because of our reference to the bum condition of some of the band uniforms. Well, after the annual meeting we were walking up stairs to the band room behind Noble Frank Oliver, and lo and behold we discovered the seat of his breeches had "Gone with the wind," so to speak. In other words, it was split wide open. Frank did not have on red underwear so the rent was very noticeable. We asked him if he had "sat on a tack" but he said that the darned thing split when he pulled 'em on. So we were evidently justified in our criticism. It would sure be embarrassing to have anything like this happen on a street parade.

At the annual meeting, Noble "Gus" Simmons informed us that Noble Everett G. Priest, one of the drum section, has been ill for over two years. We have known Noble Priest ever since

we were boys over in South Boston and attended the old Lincoln School. Everett became a doctor and years ago was connected with the Grace Emergency Hospital in the South Cove district. During our boyhood days Noble Priest was a drummer in the old Dahlgren Post, G. A. R., fife and drum corps, which had a state-wide reputation. We know that we voice the sentiment of his many friends in the band when we extend to him our sincere sympathy. We feel sure he would appreciate a card from any of the boys. His address is as follows: Dr. Everett G. Priest, Pine Crest, Wareham, Mass.

Noble Frank Warren asked us the other night how it was we could fill a column when we had nothing to say. To quote from the immortal bard, when Polonius inquired of Hamlet, "What do you read, my Lord?" Hamlet replied, "Words, words, words." So we might say in reply to Frank's question we simply write, "Words, words, words." And that's that.



## WHO'S WHO?

Who is the gang brought Aleppo fame  
And added lustre to our Temple's name  
So gaily arrayed in each street parade?  
The Aleppo Band—they know their game.

Who is the gang that makes the big noise  
A big gang of hilarious happy boys  
With the rum-a-tum-tum on bass and snare drum?

The Aleppo Band—they add to our joys.

Who is the gang that is coming along  
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With bugles that blare beyond any compare?

The Aleppo Band—our band, right or wrong.

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BY VAIL K. HAAK  
Associate Editor

WITH just a little over half the season gone we find that all 6 teams in the league are bunched, with only 6 points difference between the first and the last team.

With a close race like the league is experiencing this year you cannot help achieving the aim our officers have had in trying to make this league one of the most successful parts of the Temple. I know that the members are 100% behind our President, Jim Greig, who has given of his time in order that this league would be a success. Also an orchid to our Treasurer, "Cap" Parker, who is incomparable when it comes to being the custodian of our finances.

To get back to the standings: Pettit's No. 6 team (last year's cellar champs) are leading the parade to date, with Halliday's No. 5 team only one point behind. J. C. Juthe's No. 2 team is in third place, three points behind the leaders. No. 1 and No. 4 teams captained by Eaton and Snook are tied for fourth place with Rogers' No. 3 team, that was a short time ago leading, is now in last place, but they will start moving anytime when they get back to full strength. They miss the services of Stolar who is ill. Stolar at the time of his temporary retirement was bowling very good and was one of the most improved bowlers in the league. Hurry up, Stolar, and get well so you can get into stride for the home stretch.

Following are the leaders in the various prize contests: High Average, Greig 104, Jones 103. High Single, Kerr 141, Jones 140. High 3 String, J. C. Juthe 357, Hill 349. This month's honor roll in order of their average: Greig, Jones, Gordon, Chase, Kerr, Haak, Robbins, Rogers, Hoyt and Hill.

Since the last writing a new member has joined the ranks. Noble Priest who was assigned to Snook's team. He sure looks up to his name, as what I have seen of him he looks good.

The bulletin of The Amateur Boston Pin League has Girard Jones of the Aleppo team leading the league for average with 113. The team itself is in sixth place, but not too far behind that with the rest of the team giving our Capt. Jones some much needed support, that we can't at least get up near the top.

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## SOUTH SHORE NEWS

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PLYMOUTH and the 27th Masonic District made the headlines the past month. Rt. Edward C. Holmes was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge and his home lodge—Plymouth—threw a party that will stand out in history. Grand Master Joseph Earl Perry and a long suite of grand officers and deputies were at the head table and some 300 craftsmen gathered for the event. A new precedent was set or old ones broken by the presentation of three medals during the evening by the Grand Master. The Henry Price medal to Rt. Wor. Holmes; Joseph Warren distinguished service medal to Rt. Wor. Charles B. Worrick, Grand Pursuivant, and Wor. Alfred S. Burbank, Master of Plymouth Lodge in 1895-96-97, received the veterans medal. All of these men were deserving of the honor.

The women of the Degree of Pochontas, auxiliary to the Red Men, are collecting tinfoil and sending it to the Quincy Patriot Ledger office. The Grange has made it a New England proposition for all their Granges.

Rural Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Ladies' Night, was notable for the number of Shriners at the head table. Rt. Wor. J. Leonard Bicknell, District Deputy Grand Master, was there with his charming wife who is looking forward to many a social night with her distinguished husband in the 26th district. J. Fred Price missed the meeting of Aleppo as he is in St. Petersburg, Fla. He is District Deputy Grand Marshal.

The big class in Aleppo seems to have put pep in other orders connected with the Masonic fraternity. At least on the South Shore they are taking in candidates and holding more ambitious social and lodge nights.

Just now the lodges of Quincy are chipping in for an "Iron Lung" for the Quincy City Hospital. A matter of \$1,300. It is going over big and shows what the fraternal orders can do in a community. A feature that pleases the women is to have their picture taken by the "Lung" as they present the check, in the window of the Quincy Patriot Ledger.

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## NEW BEDFORD SHRINE NOTES

**N**OBLE William Stitt of New Bedford was re-elected President of the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts at the Annual Meeting held Monday evening, January 22. A large number of Nobles were in attendance at the session in the Gulf Hill Parlors in New Bedford and combined a fine dinner and program of entertainment with the transaction of important business.

Other officers chosen to serve with President Stitt follow:

Vice-President—Norman Renne.

Vice-President—Andrew P. Lonergan.

Secretary—Charles E. Davis, Jr.

Treasurer—William Kenworthy.

Governing Board—the officers above and Past President William Beserosky, Albert B. Cook, James Lees, and J. J. Greenberg. Past President Dr. Frank Birtwistle will continue as an ex-officio member of the Board.

Frederic J. Haywood was selected as a Trustee of the Crippled Children's Fund for three years. Nobles John T. Kirk and John Catterall are associated with Noble Haywood in the conduct of this Fund.

Reports of the various officers in which activities of the year were reviewed revealed the condition of the Club both as to membership and finances in excellent shape. The record of 1939 was one of the most outstanding in the Club's history and every promise indicates a fine year ahead.

The Governing Board was instructed to outline plans for the year and President Stitt informed the members that he would appoint committees to handle the various departments shortly. The Trustees were requested to meet with the Governing Board to consider a program for furthering the Club's crippled children work. Several projects are now under advisement.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

The annual event of the Club for the pleasure of crippled children of the district was conducted on Sunday afternoon, December 17, 1939 at the New Bedford Masonic Temple. The report rendered at the Annual Meeting proved that the party was a huge success. About seventy youngsters were royally entertained and Santa Claus, a mammoth tree and fine gifts contributed to a happy afternoon.

The entire choir of the Grace Episcopal Church, comprising forty voices, under the direction of B. Frank Michelson, was a splendid feature of the program.

Kenneth H. Davies surprised the gathering with his skill as a magician.

James N. Greenwood acted as Santa Claus.

## IN MEMORIAM

With deepest regret and in solemn tribute the Shrine Club recognizes the loss of a sincere Noble in the death of Elmer Gannett Whitmarsh. Called to

the Celestial Temple on Thursday, January 11, following a short illness.

Noble Whitmarsh was born in Whitman, Mass., fifty years ago. After attending the local schools he graduated from the Sloyd Training School in Boston. For two years he taught in the public schools of Milton and Melrose and later was superintendent of construction for George Howard and Sons of Brockton. He became a resident of New Bedford about 1923 and for the past ten years conducted his own contracting business in the city.

He was a member of Aleppo Temple and the New Bedford Shrine Club. Among other affiliations were the Whitman Masonic Lodge, Unitarian Church and Laymen's League, Brooks Club.

Noble Whitmarsh was respected and appreciated by those of all walks of life. His association with the Shrine Club typifies his endeavor and accomplishment in all the fields of an active life. He served several terms as Vice-President and often as Chairman of important assignments. The Shrine Club has been separated from a willing worker, a fine Noble, but his friendship and his example will remain as a fine heritage. In this spirit and with understanding sympathy the Shrine Club shares the grief of his widow and the two sisters at this untimely death of Noble Elmer G. Whitmarsh.

## INTERESTING ITEMS

A large number of Nobles of the Club's jurisdiction enjoyed the Aleppo's Annual Meeting. A bus load in charge of President Stitt made the event all the more successful and the round trip was a happy contribution for the boys.

Scanning the crowd at Palestine's Meeting on January 29, one noted many Shriners affiliated with the New Bedford Shrine Club.

## POTENTATE'S NIGHT

While another meeting will probably be held in the meantime, Club officials are getting plans underway for the annual Potentate's Night. President Stitt has opened negotiations for a date in March compatible with the program of our new Potentate, Ill. Robert G. Wilson, Jr. Due notice should be given of this advance announcement for reservations will quite likely be at a premium this year.

Three new members were recently enrolled Nobles in Membership. Malcolm F. Buck of Middleboro and William Grotzsch and Albion B. Stone of New Bedford. An intensive campaign will soon be started by President Stitt and one of his key workers will be Noble Harry Anderson of Middleboro. It looks like a banner year both in membership and activity.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLARS PILGRIMAGE TO CLEVELAND

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